

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 24, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Franklin County Council met in regular meeting on May 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Jeff Koch, President, Joe Gillespie, Scott McDonough, Carroll Lanning, Brian Patterson, Joe Sizemore, Glen Bischoff and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Jeff Koch. Mr. Koch also took roll call and a quorum was present.

**Old Business: April 26, 2022 Minutes: Motion to approve the April 26, 2022 minutes by Carroll Lanning, seconded by Joe Gillespie, all in favor, motion carried.**

**New Business:**

**John Palmer – ARPA Update:** Mr. Palmer presented two projects to Council to paid for with the ARPA monies. One is for the Government Center's new roof in the approximate sum of \$469,000.00 and the ADA project in the front of the Government Center (new parking lot/handicap entrance) in the approximate sum of \$528,000.00. An additional \$30,000.00 will be used for secured email. **Motion to give Mr. Palmer the commitment of \$1,002,250.00 for Government Center's new roof, ADA project and email by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.** Councilmember Sizemore inquired about the request from the local fire departments for ARPA funds and Mr. Palmer stated that he presently has a deadline of June 10<sup>th</sup> for getting those submitted. Councilmember Patterson asked if Mr. Palmer was using a scoring system for awarding the funds and he said yes.

**Veronica Bullock – Perdue Extension:** Veronica Bullock came before council to introduce Elizabeth Simmermeyer, 4-H Educator for Youth Development. She also gave an update on their recent projects, including the community gardens.

**Reedy Financial Group Invoice #8450 & #8451: Motion to approve the payment of the Reedy Financial Group Invoice #8450 in the sum of \$12,993.95 and Invoice #8451 in the sum of \$3,947.20 by Scott McDonough, seconded by Glen Bischoff, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Salary Ordinance Amendments:** President Koch read the Salary Ordinance amendment that was approved at council's 4-26-2022 meeting. Document presented for signatures only.

**Ordinance 2022-09 Treasurer Innkeeper Tax:** A few corrective amendments needed to be made to Ordinance 2022-09 that was approved at Council's April meeting. Council discussed

those changes and also discussed whether or not the Innkeeper's tax should continue. **Motion to approve by Carroll Lanning, seconded by Brian Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolution 2022-15 Transfer of Funds:** President Koch read Resolution 2022-15, a resolution to transfer funds. **Motion to approve Resolution 2022-15 by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Scott McDonough, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Resolution 2022-16 – Requests for Additional Appropriation:** President Koch read Resolution 2022-16. Council discussed the additional funding request for low water crossings. Councilmember Gillespie stated that we just don't have the money to fund two of them at 4.5 million. This is something Council should review at budget hearings. Councilmember McDonough agreed that it was just a lot of grandstanding and we cannot afford it at this time. Councilmember Patterson clarified that at the previous meeting, Commissioners did not have a plan and within a few days all of sudden they did. All he is asking for is that a plan be put in place to address them. Mildred Simmermeyer wanted to know how many of the low water crossings were on dead end roads. There are presently 11 bridges on the replacement list. Commissioners discussed with Council the need to have signs placed at 32 bridges (four at each bridge) around the County. The signs will post notice of weight restriction on these bridges. This posting is a requirement of the Federal Government. The cost for the installation will be around \$60,000.00. **Motion for the highway to purchase and install the signs at the required bridges by Scott McDonough, seconded by Joe Sizemore, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Park Playground Equipment Grant:** Eugena Monroe came before Council to let them know that she had applied for a grant with Reid Hospital for playground equipment for the Franklin County Park. The total award is of \$15,000.

**Adjourn:** **Motion to adjourn by Joe Sizemore, seconded by Joe Gillespi, all in favor, motion carried.**

Others Present: Faye Hay, Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Austin Jolliff, Eugena Monroe, Pete Cates, Jolene Beneker, Tom Carrow, Veronica Bullock, Elizabeth Simmermeyer, John Palmer, Wayne Monroe and Jana Selke.

Minutes approved June 28, 2022.

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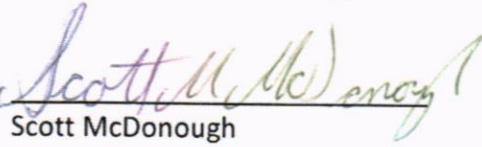
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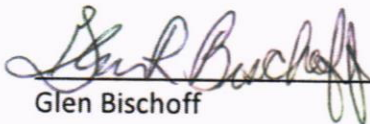
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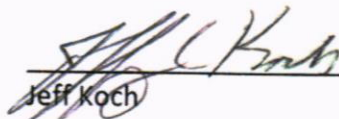
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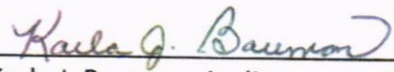
  
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Karla J. Bauman, Auditor